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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of :

Ebba A. HANSEN

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Filed: January 17, 2002

For: ABSORBENT LAMINATE

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RESPONSE TO ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENT

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Sir:

In response to the Election of Species Requirement dated April 23, 2003, the period for response being extended two (2) additional months by virtue of the attached petition and fee, applicant hereby elects, with traverse, the species of Figure 3, whereby the additional layer is a fluid acquisition layer. Claims 1-7, 16, and 27-45 are believed to read on the elected species. Applicant reserves the right to modify which claims read on the elected species should additional claims be determined later on to read on the elected species.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.141, should the Examiner find generic claims 1-6 and 27-45 allowable, applicant respectfully requests consideration of the remaining species.

Respectfully submitted,

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